

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

The recently passed loan bill is, very far short of what is really necessary to ensure a specie standard; for though it prevents further expansion, it does not begin to come up to Mr. McCulloch's requirements in his policy for reduction of an expanded currency. Its only advantage is that it fixes a policy against increase of the present evil.

A correspondent, in Richmond, Va., writes a despondent letter as to the state of monetary affairs there saying: "There is plenty to do here, but nothing to do with. There is no money. Business men are offering from 10 to 12 per cent. with real estate security, but can get no accommodation even at that rate."

Mr. Henry Sneed committed suicide at his residence, in the Buckleland neighborhood, in Albemarle county, Va., on Monday last. Mr. Sneed was a young man in the prime of life, and in good circumstances, but his mind had exhibited symptoms of disorder for some months past.

A company has been formed of capitalists and scientific gentlemen in Charlottesville, who have purchased two hundred acres of mineral lands on the west side of the Blue Ridge, situated near the base of Turk's Mountain, and distant about six miles from Waynesboro, Augusta county.

Since the close of the war, the Treasury Department has received from thousands of correspondents sums of "conscience money," from one cent up to ten thousand dollars, amounting in the aggregate to fifty thousand dollars.

Thos. Downing, the well-known colored caterer and oysterman, one of the "institutions" of New York for nearly fifty years, died in that city on Tuesday, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a rich man.

An additional victim to the horrible tragedy near Philadelphia, has been discovered. The body of the boy Cornelius Cary was found under a hay stack, with his head crushed with a hammer, and throat cut.

Colonel B. G. Baldwin, of Richmond, superintendent of the National Express Company was robbed of one hundred and eighty dollars, which was taken from his room on Sunday evening last.

The Texas journals report over seven hundred cases of measles and other diseases in Austin and its vicinity, a large percentage of which have terminated fatally.

The Sheriff of Dinwiddie county, Virginia, was encountered on Thursday last, on the road near the Court House, by three armed negroes, and robbed of all his papers.

Quicksilver has advanced ten cents per pound in consequence of the trouble at New Almaden. Six of the rioters there have been arrested.

Dr. L. F. Klepstone, many years ago a member of the Maryland Legislature, died in Allegheny county last week, aged 79 years.

The rite of confirmation was administered on Tuesday last in Richmond by Bishop Johns to thirty-two persons.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.—The Senate yesterday concurred in the House amendments to the bill to reimburse the State of Missouri for war expenses; and passed the bill allowing the "Soldier's Individual Memorial" to be carried through the mails at the usual rate of printed matter. A bill was also passed to allow the Secretary of the Treasury to remit any duties levied on produce shipped from any part of the U. S. to any port of the U. S. via Canada, if the said produce was actually in transitu when the late reciprocity treaty expired. A joint resolution was introduced and referred, proposing an amendment to the constitution. The remainder of the day was devoted to the delivery of eulogies on the life and character of the late Senator Foot, of Vermont. Tributes to the deceased were paid by Messrs. Poland, Johnson, Fessenden, Brown, Sumner, Pomeroy, Cragin, Edmonds, and McDougal.

The House passed the bill transferring a gunboat to the republic of Liberia, and also the Senate resolution prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in the capitol building and grounds, with an amendment to stop the sale in all public buildings and grounds. The joint resolution of the Senate was passed, protesting against the poisoning of criminals by foreign governments on the condition that they emigrate to the U. S. The conference committee in the disagreeing votes on the bill to sell the marine hospitals made a report, and the bill was finally passed, as was also the Senate joint resolution appropriating \$25,000 for the temporary relief of the destitute people of the District of Columbia, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of freedmen's affairs. Eulogies on the late Senator Foot, of Vermont, were delivered by Messrs. Woodbridge, Banks, Washburne of Illinois, and others.

ABSTRACTING FUNDS FROM HIS EMPLOYER.—Thomas V. Sanford, formerly employed at the banking house of Messrs. Thomas Branch & Co., arrested in Fredericksburg on Saturday last, charged with abstracting certain notes from his employers' safe, was brought before Mayor Mayo yesterday morning to answer the offence. The accused hails from Westmoreland county, in this State, and has, up to the present time, enjoyed a highly respectable reputation. During the examination he sat in front of his Honor, with his head hung down, hands clasped, and seemed immersed in the deepest despair. We understand that he occupied the responsible position of paymaster in Fields' division of the Confederate army during the late war. The particulars of the affair are that, on Saturday last, upon investigation of certain irregularities which have recently occurred at Messrs. Branch & Co's establishment, it was discovered that two packages of notes of the Bank of Commerce and Bank of Berkeley of the value of \$800, had been abstracted from the safe, whereupon the fact was made known to the Chief of Police, and Capt. Russell Betts was dispatched to ascertain the particulars. From information received, suspicion rested upon Sanford as the guilty person, and inquiries were made as to his whereabouts. It was soon ascertained that such a person had purchased a through ticket to Baltimore over the Fredericksburg route, and forthwith Capt. Betts took the train for Fredericksburg, where he found Sanford and took him in custody. Search was instituted, and upon his person was found \$135 in currency, \$405 in notes of the Bank of Commerce, \$75 in notes of the Bank of Berkeley and \$90 in notes of the Bank of Rockbridge, besides a note for \$1,000. The currency was the proceeds of \$325 in notes which the prisoner had sold in Fredericksburg. The prisoner, when arrested acknowledged his guilt. The above is the substance of the testimony given before the Mayor yesterday morning, at the conclusion of which the accused was remanded for examination before the Hastings Court.—Rich. Times.

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Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS.—The President's late proclamation seems to have been generally interpreted as restoring the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus to the States lately "in insurrection." This fact has again directed the public attention to Mr. Davis. On Tuesday, Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, offered a series of resolutions, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to bring him and Mr. Clay to trial upon the charge of complicity with the assassins of Mr. Lincoln; and also upon the charge of treason. Against this movement of the Radicals, obviously designed to bring about the trial of Mr. Davis before a Military Commission, Mr. Raymond protested, by offering resolutions requesting the President to take steps for the speedy trial of Mr. Davis, upon the charge of treason, in the State of Virginia, "or in some other district in which he may be legally liable for trial." Mr. Raymond proposed that these resolutions should be at once put upon their passage; but Mr. Thaddeus Stevens, insisted that they should be referred to the Judiciary Committee, and to this Mr. Raymond, after some feeble remonstrance, consented. We presume that the Committee will make its report at an early day.

THE MARYLAND COAL BUSINESS.—Though the prospects for a resumption of coal operations in Maryland were not flattering last week, some of the companies have made a satisfactory adjustment with the miners, and the strike may be considered substantially at an end. The employees at the Borden mines, we understand, went to work on Monday, and the probabilities are that the rest of the companies will begin shipping during the week. The adjustment was effected by a compromise between the agents and miners, and the mean between the price demanded and that offered was fixed at sixty-five cents per ton. Large fleets of boats are lying here awaiting cargoes, and